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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.185

CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF
IPO DAM IN NORZAGARAY, BULACAN ON 19 MAY 1995

WHEREAS, 19 May 1995 marks the 50th Anniversary of the
Battle of Ipo Dam, which was part of the effort to liberate
the Philippines from the Japanese occupation during the
World War II;

WHEREAS, this event should be appropriately observed to
promote, preserve and memorialize the principles, ideals and
deeds of Filipino military veterans as a means of enhancing
patriotism and love of country, especially among the youth
of the land;

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this event should be
focused on the values of freedom and lasting peace for which
Filipino war veterans fought valiantly, many of whom paid
the ultimate sacrifice;

WHEREAS, there is a need to coordinate all activities
that are envisioned to foster nationalism among Filipinos,
particularly with that of the National Centennial
Commission, which was created pursuant to Executive Order
128, dated 4 October 1993, to act as the principal
coordinator for all activities related to the Centennial
Celebrations of the Philippine Independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the
Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested
in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of a National Executive Committee.
There is hereby constituted a National Executive Committee
on the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle
of Ipo Dam hereinafter referred to as the Committee, to be
composed of the following:

- (1) The Secretary of National Defense, as Chairman;
- (2) The Secretary of Public Works and
Highways, as Vice-Chairman;
- (3) The Secretary of Tourism
- (4) The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports;

- (5) The Secretary of Interior and Local Government;
- (6) The Secretary of Transportation and Communications;
- (7) The Secretary of Budget and Management;
- (8) Press Secretary;
- (9) Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines;
- (10) Chief, Philippine National Police;
- (11) Administrator, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office;
- (12) Chairman, National Historical Institute;
- (13) Director, Philippine Information Agency;
- (14) Governor, Province of Bulacan;
- (15) Mayor of Norzagaray, Bulacan;
- (16) President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines;
- (17) National President, Boy Scouts of the Philippines;
- (18) National President, Girl Scouts of the Philippines;
- (19) Chief, Military Shrines Service;
- (20) President, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, Inc.;
- (21) Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations

SECTION 2. - Functions of the Committee. The Committee shall take charge of the preparations for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Ipo Dam on 19 May 1995. For this purpose, it shall have the following functions:

- (a) Formulate all the programs, projects and activities that shall be conducted in observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Ipo Dam;
- (b) Prepare the implementing guidelines for all the programs, projects and activities that shall be undertaken for the commemoration;
- (c) Orchestrate and coordinate the implementation of all the programs, projects and activities that shall be undertaken for the commemoration;

- (d) Source funds and prepare the budget which shall be required by the Committee in the discharge of its functions in accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations; and
- (e) Perform other tasks as may be given by the President.

SECTION 3. Operational Relationships. In the conduct of all programs, projects and activities in the observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Ipo Dam the Committee shall coordinate with the National Centennial Commission.

The Committee is also authorized to call upon the assistance of any department, bureau, agency, office and other instrumentality of the Government, as well as invite non-governmental organizations as it may deem necessary in the performance of its functions.

SECTION 4. Creation of Sub-Committees. The Committee may form sub-committees as it may deem necessary to effectively carry out its duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 5. Technical and Secretariat Support. The Department of National Defense shall provide technical, secretariat and administrative support to the Committee.


SECTION 6. Funding. The release of ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) chargeable against the 1995 Contingent Fund provided under R.A. 7845, is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this Administrative Order. Any deficiency shall be charged against the regular budget of the participating agencies.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the city of Manila, this 17th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.



By the President:



TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

Executive Secretary